

To: Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

From: Gerry Hyland, Supervisor
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Subject: **BOARD MATTERS for December 8, 2015**

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For your consideration, I submit the following Board Matters accompanied by a brief explanation. Your support will be appreciated.

- 1. Request to Send a Letter to our Fairfax County Congressional Delegation to Support Improved Interoperability with our Fire and Rescue Services**
- 2. Request to Authorize a Newington Road Traffic Study**
- 3. Thanks for the Miseries...I Mean Memories**

1. Request to Send a Letter to our Fairfax County Congressional Delegation to Support Improved Interoperability with our Fire and Rescue Services

Background

Last week, Fire Chief Bowers informed the Board of Supervisors about a change in dispatching procedures for Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FRD) when requesting support from Fort Belvoir's Fire and Emergency Services. The e-mail is attached to this Board Matter for your reference. Essentially, Fairfax County and Fort Belvoir have conferred regularly to achieve parity in emergency call taking and dispatching processes without unnecessarily burdening FRD's budget. This has not happened to date.

It is important that the public know the change in dispatching procedures will not hinder Fairfax County or Fort Belvoir's ability to respond during an emergency or alter our mutual aid agreements. What appears to be the best long term solution is for Fort Belvoir to receive funding from the Federal government to adopt similar information technology infrastructure in their computer aided dispatch (CAD) system as Fairfax County so we can have a uniform CAD-CAD communications among first responders.

Since, this matter was not brought up or discussed prior to the public hearing on the Board of Supervisor's Legislative Agenda, I ask that the Board of Supervisors send a request to our Congressional delegation so that they may work to fund an integrated CAD system in a future appropriations request or find funding in a current one if feasible. Our Fire and Rescue Department will always find a way to respond and help save lives, it is incumbent upon us to give them all the tools to make this happen.

Proposed Action

Therefore, I ask, with unanimous consent, that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Government Relations and the Fire and Rescue Department to draft a letter, for the Chairman's signature on behalf of the Board, informing our Congressional delegation of the issue and recommendations on how to solve it.

Attachment

Board Matter Pun

What did the bald man say when he got a comb for Christmas? Thanks, I'll never part with it!

2. Joint Board Matter with Supervisor McKay Request to Authorize a Newington Road Traffic Study

Background

The Newington community is nestled between Telegraph Road and Cinder Bed Road and has constantly struggled with cut through traffic leaving from or going to the industrial areas to the west as those trucks attempt to get better access major roadways. The through truck restriction on Newington Road and four way stop has helped to reduce industrial truck cut through. However, the road network where Newington Road intersects with Cinder Bed Road and Loisdale Road and the Fairfax County Parkway is a jumbled mess. Newington Road's intersection with Cinder Bed Road is problematic for traffic heading south as it is a "Y" type intersection controlled by one stop sign. A one lane railroad bridge connects Newington to Loisdale, which is becoming more heavily used by traffic attempting to get to the Springfield Town Center and I-95 and the Parkway. To the south, Cinder Bed Road goes under an old railroad spur and connects near the Parkway at Backlick Road. The entire area needs a review by the Department of Transportation.

During the summer, the Newington Community asked me to initiate a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to remove plan text that recommended improving and possibly widening Newington Road to four lanes. The Planning Commission indefinitely deferred a decision on the matter and recommends that a traffic study be done in the area before any Comprehensive Plan amendment is decided. Today, we ask that the Department of Transportation look at the area and return to the Board with their recommendations.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madam Chairman, I ask, with unanimous consent that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Transportation to initiate a traffic study in the vicinity of Newington Road, Cinder Bed Road and Loisdale Road.

Board Matter Pun

This guy goes into a restaurant for a Christmas breakfast while in his home town for the holidays. After looking over the menu he says, "I'll just have the eggs benedict." His order comes a while later and it's served on a huge fancy chrome plate. He asks the waiter, "What's with the fancy plate?" The waiter replies, "There's no plate like chrome for the hollandaise!"

3. Thanks for the Miseries...I Mean Memories

Background

Earlier this year I learned the warden had rescinded my twenty-eight year pass from Saint Elizabeth's, since some people have told me you have to be crazy to run for public office and do it for as long as I have. If some of my supporters say I have become an institution in Mount Vernon, then I guess I really have been institutionalized. As I have told everyone, I am not retiring, I just didn't run again. I hope to continue to be involved in other ways. I leave public office feeling secure in the future, knowing the voters of Mount Vernon have delivered a Storck to be their next Supervisor. I also would like to invite all of my colleagues on the Board, the County Executive, County Attorney and all the wonderful staff of Fairfax County to join me at a reception in the Mount Vernon Government Center tomorrow afternoon from 3 – 6 p.m. so that I may thank all of you for the work you have done to help me represent the residents of Mount Vernon. I couldn't have done it without you.

Board Matter Pun

There once was a Supervisor who told ten puns to his colleagues to get them to laugh, but no pun in ten did.